

WEATHER FORECAST.

Fair to-day and to-morrow; cooler;
moderate northerly winds.
Highest temperature yesterday, 82; lowest, 67.
Detailed weather reports will be found on Editorial page.

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THREE CENTS
WHEN SENT BY MAIL
FOUR CENTS ELSEWHERE.TRANSIT CRITIC PUTS
HEARING IN TUMULT
AND MAYOR IN RAGE

Harlem Lawyer Charges
Plan Is Political Bluff
to Fool the People.

OUTSHOUTS THE BOARD

Hylan Calls Him 'This Fel-
low' and Kurtz Leaves,
Saying He's Insulted.

SCORNS PLEA TO RETURN

Otherwise First Meeting on
Subway Proposals Is a Regu-
lar Love Feast.

Mayor Hylan and the Board of
Estimate held yesterday in the City
Hall their first public hearing on the
\$600,000,000 Hylan plan for city owned
and city operated transit facilities. The
session was devoted to the routes af-
fecting Harlem, Washington Heights
and the Bronx.

It began as a love feast, but the
hearing developed into what must have
seemed to auditors in the outer cor-
ridors a somewhat promiscuous dog
fight. Irwin Kurtz, representing the
Central Republican Club of Harlem of
the Nineteenth Assembly district, who
had been invited to express his views,
started a rumble by frankly charging
that Mayor Hylan was trying to fool
the people; that yesterday's hearing
was staged for political purposes in
the hope of electing a Democratic
Governor; that the Mayor and the
Board of Estimate were defying the
law, and that what the people wanted,
regardless of partisanship, was for the
Mayor to get together with the Trans-
it Commission "and give us subways."

Mayor Hylan, white with anger,
rapped with his gavel and retorted with
much heat, calling the lawyer a "fellow"
and accusing him of having come to the
hearing in the interest of the traction
gang to start a ruction. During the
heated colloquy that followed Mr. Kurtz,
the Mayor, Murray Hulbert, President
of the Board of Estimate, and Borough
President Riegelmann of Brooklyn fre-
quently were all trying to talk at once.
Mr. Kurtz, who also is counsel for the
Harlem Board of Commerce and who
succeeded Mr. Hulbert in that capacity,
is endowed with a clarion voice, as well
as with red hair. In the verbal battle
of compliments he was not submerged
even under the stentorian tones of the
Borough President.

Mr. Kurtz Opens Fire.
All had been going smoothly and
easily. For an hour Mayor Hylan,
Hylan, his plan and his associates had
been lavishly praised by scores of rep-
resentatives of the upper reaches of the
city, not a few of whom pronounced the
Hylan plan far superior to that emanat-
ing from the Transit Commission. Then
Mr. Kurtz was called.

"We received an invitation to come
to this meeting," said he, "and be-
lieved the Mayor was not making a bluff.
After election day we are citizens first
and Republicans second. And as citizens
we ask you to cut out the conversation
and give us cars to do away with the
inconvenience of which you complain by
obeying the law and to give us sub-
ways."

Mayor Hylan already had inter-
polated several comments about the
Transit Commission, but he was not
concerned with the stopping of the opera-
tion of unlicensed buses by court injunctions
at one time had interrupted a
speaker to observe, "I think the trac-
tion gang must go around with batches
of injunctions in their pockets, they
have so many of them on hand."

But at the Mayor's challenge Mayor
briarled threateningly. Banging his
gavel, he asked for a repetition of the
statement about doing away with in-
junctions by changing the law. The city
grapher read the words and Mr. Kurtz
then proceeded:

"I say to you, sir—and, having studied
the transit law, know something about
it—this Board of Estimate is not above
the law. You are governed by the law
of our State as expressed by our Legis-
lature, and you must obey the law. If
you disobey the law you must expect the
court to issue an injunction against you.
I say that, as citizens and members of
the Central Republican Club, we want
you to get together with the Transit
Commission and build subways."

"You came here looking for trouble!"
shouted Mayor Hylan.

"No, sir, I did not. I came here in
response to an invitation and I have two
resolutions passed by the Central Re-
publican Club, and as a citizen I want
to be heard. I say that under the law
—and you know it if you have read the
law—all transit plans must emanate
from the Transit Commission. And I
say this meeting you are holding here
to-day is nothing more than a political
mass meeting, as his Honor has frankly
admitted, held for political effect for
the purpose of electing a Democratic
Governor, and I ask you to cut it out."

Mr. Hulbert and Mr. Riegelmann both
tried to sidetrack the speaker by cate-
chizing him, but Mayor Hylan finally
made himself heard through the up-
per. "Let me straighten you out,
young man," said he. "I said that it
is in playing politics to be interested in
electing a Governor who will aid me
in giving the people what they are en-
titled to in this city, then I do not re-
turn to being in politics, sir. You under-
stand that. You are a lawyer. You
are advertising yourself. You don't even
ask for the Republic of your district."
"I will show you that I do," retorted
Mr. Kurtz. "I present the unanimous
resolution of the Republicans of my
district."

"They wouldn't stand for that bunk,"
cried the Mayor. But Mr. Kurtz already
had placed his resolution in the hands
of Mr. Hulbert.

Mr. Riegelmann wanted to know if
the speaker meant to assert that it

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THE BEST IN ITS HISTORY.

The New York Herald, with all that was
best of The Sun intertwined with it, and
the whole revitalized, is a bigger and better
and sounder newspaper than ever before.

Five Cent Gas Rate Cut
to Apply to Whole State

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau,
Albany, Sept. 15.

A REDUCTION in gas rates in
practically all the cities of the
State will be made soon, the
Public Service Commission an-
nounced to-night. The commission
intends to make the recent orders
decreasing the price and changing
the standard of gas in New York
city and Buffalo general. Albany,
Schenectady, Utica, Syracuse and
Rochester will benefit by the first
reduction orders for up-State cities,
which were adopted to-day.

The decrease amounts to 5 cents
on every thousand cubic feet of gas
used and it will result in a saving
of \$225,000 to approximately 210,000
consumers.

Increased rates for gas in prac-
tically all up-State cities followed
the war and increased prices of oil,
gas and labor required in gas man-
ufacturing.

DRYS SEIZE 2 MORE
BRITISH SCHOONERS

Find Captain of One With
\$19,793 and Heavy Cargo
of Whisky.

THIRD SHIP GETS AWAY

Abandoned Launch Full of
Liquor Sinks When Being
Towed In.

By day the rum ships stand safely
out to sea. By night they crawl shore-
ward and anchor where motorboats of
the booze runners' mosquito fleet can
snuggle up and take off Scotch in bags
and rum in kegs. While waiting for
customers the crews visit each other,
sample each other's stock and breath
and play cards for more money than
sailors ever dream of in the days
before alcohol was outlawed.

Then (once in a while) a lean con-
verted subchaser of the United States
prohibition navy comes purring along
when the moon is gone, points its
searchlight and its one pounder at the
reputed smugglers and gathers them
in, them and their ship.

Thus two more schooners from the
Bahamas, British registered, low in the
water from the weight of thousands of
full bottles, were towed up the harbor
yesterday by the one revenue cruiser
that captured them both, and laid
alongside the Barge Office to await
judgment as to guilt and future owner-
ship.

The schooners are Buena, forty tons,
out of Rockport, N. S., and the Etta B,
thirty tons, out of Nassau. They were
brought in by the revenue patrol boat
Hahn of the prohibition navy, George
E. Tawes, captain.

Four hundred packages of whisky,
mostly in bags, and five kegs of rum
were found on the Buena and seized.
Even the boat was full of them. Cap-
tain John Sims had \$19,793 cash in a
tin box and first mate John MacNeil
\$2,150. The captain said he was no rum
runner, but was booked for St. John's,
out Newfoundland, when his reveries
were interrupted. He also said he put
part of his cargo overboard in a big
storm off Hatteras, but did not say he
put it into the ocean. The Buena was
made prisoner nine miles east of Long
Branch on Thursday night, according
to Capt. Tawes. Her captain had a
manifest listing 300 packages of liquor.

While towing the Buena, the prohibi-
tion dreadnaught sighted the Etta B,
and seized her three miles south of
Rockaway Bay.

"We're going to board you," Capt.
Tawes megaphoned.

"Never mind," came a resigned voice
from the Etta B. "I'll go in under my
own power. I don't want to be towed."
The Etta B. was trimly
loaded but not with money. The Hahn
sighted a third schooner, but an attempt
to board her was abandoned when a
dory was smashed against the side of
the Hahn.

Capt. Sims and mate McNeil of the
Buena, four members of the crew and
another dory said to be a stowaway (a
stowaway in a hold full of booze), were
charged before United States Commis-
sioner Stanton in Hoboken with con-
spiring to defraud the Government by
violating the Volstead act. Sims and
McNeil were held in \$5,000 bail apiece
and each of the others in \$500, for a
hearing next Wednesday.

The crew of the Etta B. were
arraigned in Brooklyn. Capt. Charles
Peters was held in \$4,000 bail and the
four others in \$2,500 for a hearing on
September 22. Everybody on both
ships pleaded not guilty.

The prohibition cruiser Newberry
came upon a launch loaded with liquor
but deserted by the crew and a half
mile off Sea Girl early yesterday. The
launch sank as it was being towed
toward New York, but the Government
agents were able to remove from it
234 cases of Scotch whisky and 96
bottles in bags. The launch bore the
number 3,711, which had been painted
over.

YOUNG ATHLETE IS DROWNED.

Robert Marvin, Jr., Loses His Life
in Glenmore Lake.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
MIDDLETON, N. Y., Sept. 15.—Robert
Marvin, Jr., 19, son of Robert Marvin
of Glenmore Lake, while trying to swim from
a wharf to a boat occupied by George
Wilson, his brother-in-law. The body
has not yet been recovered.

The young man was an athlete and
one of the foremost ball players of the
county, also being prominent in basket-
ball.

NEW ORLEANS DOCKS BURN.

Damage on Four Blocks of Water-
front Put at \$4,000,000.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 15.—Fire which
started on the river docks near the Gov-
ernment army supply warehouse to-
night spread along the river front until
several city blocks of docks were partly
destroyed. Early estimates placed the
loss at \$4,000,000.

N. Y. CENTRAL MAKES
PACT WITH WORKERS
IGNORING RAIL BOARD

Road and Trainmen Agree
on Wages, Taking Case
'Out of Politics.'

'NEW ERA' IS HAILED

Both Sides Pleased at Going
Back to Conference Table
'Where We Belong.'

ERIE LIFTS ITS EMBARGO

Resumes Carrying of Fruit,
Presumably on Pressure
of the I. C. C.

The New York Central Railroad yester-
day reached an agreement with its
conductors and trainmen to continue
last year's wage scale and working
conditions until September 30, 1923,
thus gaining a precedent for direct
settlement independent of the United
States Labor Board.

All disputes between the New York
Central and the two brotherhoods now
pending before the labor board were
definitely withdrawn by mutual con-
sent.

That the roads and men had again
achieved direct contact for adjustment
of differences inspired the principal
satisfaction to both sides as reflected
in their own expressions. President
Smith said:

"This direct settlement between the
New York Central management and the
employees is a return to the former
successful practice of adjusting dif-
ferences in personal negotiations across
the conference table. The New York
Central feels that to-day's settlement
is a happy augury for the future of
the conduct of transportation service."

"Takes Us Out of Politics."
William G. Lee of the Brotherhood
of Railway Trainmen said that de-
velopments of the last twenty-four
hours marked "the beginning of a final
settlement which is taking us out of
politics and back to the conference
table where we belong."

The conference between President
Smith and leaders of the striking New
York Central shopcrafts was put over a
day because of the strike of the
striking men have done their best to pro-
duce, prevented the leaders' arrival in time.
Negotiations between the Pennsylv-
ania road and the same brotherhoods
were going on in Pittsburgh yesterday,
but Mr. Lee declared reports of com-
plete settlement were premature.

New Haven Road Firm.

While the New York Central train
service settlement, with its significant
aura of harmony, temporarily eclipsed
the more profound shopcrafts distur-
bance, attention was called to the gravity
of the latter by flat announcement of
the New York, New Haven and Hart-
ford Railroad that of its striking shop-
men there was no peace.

"Our position is unchanged," the
statement said.

Meanwhile the Central Strike Com-
mittee continued inactive pending ar-
rival of B. M. Jewell, national shop-
crafts leader, on Monday or Tuesday.
Purpose of his visit was not officially
disclosed.

The Erie Railroad yesterday lifted its
fruit embargo following a demand of
the Interstate Commerce Commission
and a secret conference with the Lack-
awanna, Lehigh Valley, New York Cen-
tral and Central Railroad of New Jer-
sey.

The Erie said the roads had made
an appeal to the Interstate Commerce
Commission for assistance in diverting
the fruit from the Erie and the heavy
fruit business it now resumes. Pres-
ence at the conference of the Jersey
Central, which has no embargo, was ex-
plained by its officials as being due to
invitation by other roads to play Good
Samaritan in the Erie's behalf. The
Central already is shouldering a frac-
tion of the Erie's fruit load.

The wholesale fruit and vegetable
dealers of the city heaved a sigh of
relief when the Interstate Commerce
Commission ordered the Erie, New
York Central, Lehigh Valley, D. & N.
and railroad to lift their embargo. Un-
countable quantities of fruits and vege-
tables, all of a perishable nature, would
have been destroyed and a severe
financial loss inflicted on the trade.

The general embargo had been per-
mitted to operate much longer.

MRS. BESSIE CHESTER

DIES FROM POISON DOSE
Unusual Circumstances Said
to Mark Case.

Mrs. Bessie Chester, about 50 years
old and in comfortable circumstances,
committed suicide shortly before noon
yesterday at her home at 311 West
Ninety-fourth street. Dr. Benjamin
Schwartz, Assistant Medical Examiner,
said last night he would perform an
autopsy this morning.

It is believed that the woman swal-
lowed veronal. The case was not re-
ported to the police of the West 100th
street station who knew nothing of it
until a reported informed them last night.

LEAVES FOR HALIFAX
TO DECIDE ON RACER

Mayflower Designer Will Pre-
sent Case There.

GLOUCESTER, MASS., Sept. 15.—The
American Behn Meyer's race committee
will take no action on the ruling of the
Canadian cup trustees barring the
schooner Mayflower from competing for
the trophy until W. Sterling Burgess,
designer of the Gloucester fishing
schooner, has appeared before the trust-
ees in Halifax, N. S., and presented
the case for his schooner.

This decision was announced late to-
night by William J. McInnis, chairman
of the American committee.

SMYRNA IN RUINS FROM FIRE SET BY TURKS;
VICTIMS ARE NOW SAID TO NUMBER 120,000;
BRITAIN TO KEEP KEMALISTS FROM THRACEHOUSE SENDS TARIFF
BACK TO THE SENATE

Passes Conference Report,
Minus Dye Ban and Potash
Duty, 210 to 90.

14 OF REPUBLICANS BALK

Ansorge, Hogan, Lee and
Rossdale Are New Yorkers
Repudiating Bill.

SUGAR FIGHT IS LOST.

Adoption of the report by the House
followed an uneventful fight to obtain
a reduction in the rate on sugar from
\$2.20 a hundred pounds, as agreed to by
the conferees, to \$2, as originally pro-
vided by the House. Representative
Garner (Tex.) attempted to have the
report recommitted to conference. There
was no action in the Senate to-day, but
the program is to call it up to-morrow.

ONE CORPS ON FRONTIER

Promises Aid to Kemal in
Any Advance on Con-
stantinople.

RIGA, Latvia, Sept. 15 (Associated
Press).—The Russian Revolutionary
Military Council, presided over by
Leon Trotsky, is reported to have de-
cided to prepare for action all the
forces in the Caucasian republics and
Moscow forces stationed in other parts
of the Caucasus and the Soviet Black
Sea fleet.

It is reported that one corps of
Soviet forces already is stationed on
the Angora frontier ready to march
to the assistance of Mustafa Kemal
Pasha in case the Turkish Nationalist
leader advances on Constantinople.

From other sources it is reported that
the Russek-Angora treaty binds the Mos-
cow Government to cooperate with Mus-
tapha Kemal Pasha in the capture of
the Dardanelles, Russia to receive as
compensation complete freedom of ac-
tion in the Black Sea. General Sergius
Kamenev, commander-in-chief of the
Bolshevik armies, is said to have de-
parted for the Caucasus.

The Moscow Government officially
announces the calling to the colors of
hitherto exempted citizens born in 1901.
LAZARO (La.)

REFUGEES SAY GREEKS

MUTINIED IN ATTACK

Half Army Turns Bolshevik,
Shouting for Lenin.

LONDON, Sept. 15 (The Daily Mail's
correspondent at Famagusta, island of
Cyprus, quotes Smyrna refugees arriv-
ing there as declaring that Mustafa Kemal
Pasha was his victory in the fact that
half the army turned Bolshevik and
rebelled immediately the Turkish
attack against Adnan Karahissar was
begun.

The rebels, according to the refugees,
stole army funds and looted wherever
possible, shouting "Long live Lenin and
Trotsky!" and also burned towns and
abandoned their artillery.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR

HAILES KEMAL'S VICTORY

Hopes Turks Will Liberate
Constantinople and Thrace.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 15 (Associated
Press).—M. Araloff, Soviet Ambassador
to Angora, in a message of congratula-
tion to-day to Kemal Pasha on the Tur-
kish victory over the Greeks, expresses
the hope that the Turkish Nationalist
army will liberate Constantinople and
Thrace and settle the Dardanelles ques-
tion in a manner consistent with the in-
terests of the nations bordering on the
Black Sea.

"I send you the sincerest congratula-
tions of the Russian Government and
people on your epochal victory in Asia
Minor," Mr. Araloff's message says in
conclusion.

REBELS AGAIN ATTACK

FOUR COURTS BUILDING

But Fail Also in Attempts on
Other Positions in Dublin.

DUBLIN, Sept. 15 (Associated Press).
—The Four Courts Building was sub-
jected to an hour's attack last night by
the Republicans, who concentrated their
fire from the opposite side of the river.
They were finally driven off.

REBELS, Sept. 15 (Associated Press).
—Violence was reported to have broken
out in Dublin, including the Wellington
and Portobello barracks, the telephone
exchange and the Kingsbridge station of
the Great Southern and Western Rail-
way.

AMERICAN MAIL NOT

DELIVERED IN DUBLIN

Also 2,500,000 Letters From
Canada, England, Australia.

HELFAP, Sept. 15.—Due to the postal
strike 500 bags of American mail remain
undelivered in Dublin. There also are
2,500,000 letters from Canada, England
and Australia which are yet to be dis-
tributed.

English mails which arrived this
morning are still on the Dublin railroad
platform and are heavily guarded by
Free State troops.

But 5,000 Now Remain
of 60,000 in Mudania

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 15
(Associated Press).—Only
5,000 women and children
of the 60,000 who were there three
days ago remain in Mudania, ac-
cording to advices received from
Capt. Adams, commanding an
American submarine chaser which
is in Mudania harbor. Other re-
ports said the dead were lying thick
on the streets and floating in the
water in the harbor.

It is assumed here that the male
portion of the refugees fled or were
taken by the Kemalists to the hills.
Their fate is not known.

SMYRNA IMMOLOATED
IN VOLCANIC BLAZE

Only Turkish Quarters Escape
Fury of Mustapha's
Vengeance.

ILLUMINES ALL HARBOR

Oily Smoke of Two Mile Torch
Hides Moon as Explosions
Add to Din.

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ON BOARD H. M. S. IRON DUKE, Sept.
14, 4 A. M. (off Smyrna).—Smyrna
has been practically destroyed by a
gigantic fire which wiped out during
the night all the town except the
poor Turkish quarters on the hill at
the back and the extreme fringe on
the north toward the point. With-
out exaggeration to-night's conflagra-
tion is one of the biggest fires in
the world's history. The damage is
incalculable and there has been
great loss of life among the native
population.

The flames are still licking up
whole quarters of the city within a
mile from which I am writing. The
spectacle is magnificently terrible.
Even the great fire of London in 1666
could not have been worse, for
Smyrna counts 350,000 inhabitants.

Scenes of frantic terror have taken
place during the night amid the
Greek and Armenian population, and
were made worse by the incompe-
tence of the Turkish authorities to
deal with such a vast catastrophe
and by the dread which these Greeks
and Armenians have for the Turkish
conquerors.

What I see as I stand on the deck
of the Iron Duke is an unbroken wall
of fire two miles long with twenty
distinct volcanoes raging, the flames
throwing up jagged, writhing tongues
to a height of a hundred feet. Against
this curtain of fire which blocks out
the sky are silhouetted the towers of
Greek churches, the domes of mosques
and the flat, square roofs of houses.
All of Smyrna's warehouses, business
buildings, European residences and
others behind them burned like furious
torches.

FRANTIC SCREAMS ABOVE ROAR.

From this intensely glowing mass
of yellow, orange and crimson fire
pour up thick coils of oily, black smoke
that hide the moon at its zenith. The
sea glows a deep copper red, and worst
of all, from the densely packed mob
of many thousands of refugees huddled
on the narrow quays between the
advancing fiery death behind and the
deep water in front, comes continuous
shouts of frantic screaming of sheer
terror as can be heard miles away.

Added to this there is the frequent
roar and crash of exploding ammuni-
tion stores accompanied by the rattle
of burning cartridges, which sound
like intense infantry action.

Picture a constant projection into
the red hot sky of gigantic incan-
descent balloons, a burning oil spout
in the Aegean Sea, the air filled with
a gaseous smell, while a parching
cloud of cinders and sparks drifts
across us—and you have but a glim-
mering scene of the appalling, majestic
destruction we are watching to-night.

It starts as an insignificant out-
break of black smoke fourteen hours
ago at 2 P. M. Wednesday—in the
Armenian quarter, which lies a mile
and a half inland. Only a few people
paid any attention to it.

"Started by Armenians,"
The work of embarking the last part
of the British colony, which fortu-
nately had been decided on Wednesday
morning, went on systematically and
all the British were safely taken away
before midnight. I was then ashore,
and, climbing to the roof of my house
and looking toward the Armenian
quarter, I saw two other fires had
started in the same part of the city.
But no one yet was uneasy.

At 4:30 P. M., accompanied by Gen.
Kiazim Pasha, the Turkish command-
er of the town, and two British of-
ficers, I went in an automobile to a
place outside Smyrna where yesterday
were seen the bodies of 300 Greek
Greeks. From there I looked back on
Smyrna. From the center of the town
a solid mass of black smoke was
now pouring.

"It seems a serious fire," I said to
the town commandant.

"Oh, we will stop it by blowing up
the houses in the locality," he replied.
"These will go soon," he added as a
loud report reached us.

"The fire was started by Armenians,"
the general told me. "There is a band
of them barricaded in their church
in the heart of the town with supplies
and arms. Knowing they can't escape
they have fired the quarters in nine
different places. We have arrested
twenty-two of them."

Such at least was the general's ver-
sion.

Sept. 14 (afternoon).—The fire is
still spreading. The situation of the
surviving inhabitants is desperate. On
a rough estimate 100,000 people are in
danger of death from starvation.

The dispatch adds that it is also re-
ported separatist movements have de-
veloped in the islands of Mitylene and
Chios, in the Aegean Sea.

With the utter collapse of the Greek
army in Asia Minor the long smolder-
ing Near Eastern problem again has
suddenly been brought up, and in con-
sequence is considered as constituting
a threat against the peace and we

TURK QUARTER INTACT,
POPULACE IN TERROR

Greeks Call the Incendiarism Official
and Deliberately Arranged, While

Turks Say It Was Due to
Shots Exchanged.

TEN AMERICANS, 3 BRITISH LOST

Greek Civil Authorities Overthrown by Revolt
in Adrianople and Thrace Again
Looms as Biggest Obstacle
to Peace of Europe.

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Saturday).—The victims at Smyrna numbered at
least 120,000 up to Thursday morning, says a dispatch to the Times from
Athens, quoting John Manola of the American relief as its authority.

[The latest dispatch from Constantinople said "thousands" of persons were
believed to have perished in Smyrna. Previous reports indicated fatalities between
1,000 and 2,000. It is possible that the "120,000 victims" mentioned in the above
dispatch may include killed, wounded and others who have suffered.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 15 (Associated Press).—Smyrna has been com-
pletely wrecked by the conflagration which has been raging there for the
last two days, according to information from authentic sources reaching
here. Thousands of persons are believed to have perished. The Turkish
quarter alone remains untouched.